

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: # 64

DATE: 25 January 2010

SUBJECT(S): Events, Traffic

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1. Upcoming Events:

a. BRAC Business Initiative-In Progress Review

- i. Date: 3 February, 8 AM to 10 AM
- ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610
- iii. Agenda:
 - 0730-0800: Networking
 - 0800-0820: Introductions (Test Companies will give their “elevator speeches”)
 - 0820-0840: BBI In Progress Review Presented (This will include what Test Companies accomplished and what happened to them as they worked in the Fort Meade Defense Contracting environment.)
 - 0840-0900: Remarks by Congressman Cummings
 - 0900-0910: Break
 - 0910-1000: Presentation by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (APL)
 - 1000-1030: Networking

b. Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) Meeting

- i. Date: 28 January, 3:30 – 5 PM
- ii. Location: 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive
- iii. Columbia, MD 21045
- iv. Classroom # 5
- v. Agenda:
 - Transit Rideshare Study
 - Near Term Highway Corridors
 - Project Relocate
 - Transportation Update
 - Regional Update
- vi. Insight: This is not the kind of meeting that will provide insights to businesses, looking for opportunities in the Fort Meade Region. In fact, it may be a little boring to most humans. ☺ That said, if you want to come, please RSVP to Jill at 410-313-6522 because we have limited seating.

2. Discussion:

a. Fort Meade Growth and Traffic

- i. When Fort Meade BRAC was announced in 2005, we knew that Team Maryland had done terrific work in bringing new jobs to the Region and the State. We also intuitively knew that this growth would have downsides, the most significant being increased stress on the transportation infrastructure. Read more traffic! We also knew that there would be relatively few federal funds available to improve the infrastructure. This is all coming true; starting in late 2010 we will see new jobs, few transportation funds and more cars on and around Fort Meade.
- ii. Complex problems demand complex solutions. There is no “silver bullet” that will resolve the Fort Meade Region Transportation challenge. Transportation Demand Management may be the core of the solution. More to follow on this subject. In the meantime, be prepared to spend more time on the road if you drive in the Fort Meade Region.